

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
February 8, 2006 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at the Professional Licensing Boards, in Macon Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Needham Bateman, DVM, President
Jim Brett, DVM
Hugh Hill, DVM
Jan Hines, DVM
Becky Malphus, DVM
Charles Lance (left at 12:30 p.m.)

Others Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Susan Hewett, Board Secretary
Tricia Downing, Assistant District Attorney/Board Attorney
Anna C. Scarberry, GVTAA

President Bateman established that a quorum was present, and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30a.m. was **called to order** at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes from the December 14, 2005 meeting: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

Minutes from the December 28, 2005 meeting: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

Minutes from the January 20, 2006 meeting: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Brett seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

Ratify list of newly issued licenses: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following list of newly issued licenses.

License Number	Name	License Type
VETF000478	Sum, Steffen Otto	Veterinary Faculty
VETT000704	Shumate, Casey Nicole	Veterinary Technician
VETT000705	Moore, Jennifer Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician
VETT000706	Shaughnessy, Michael Ross	Veterinary Technician
VET007394	Ward, Cynthia R	Veterinarian
VET007395	Hyde, Regina C.	Veterinarian
VET007396	Walker, Jennifer Hope	Veterinarian
VET007397	Curtis, Terry Marie	Veterinarian
VET007398	Lenher, Eleanor	Veterinarian
VET007399	Dial-Gurley, Donna Joyce	Veterinarian
VET007400	O'Connor, Karen Ann	Veterinarian
VET007401	Andrews, Nicole Marii	Veterinarian

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	Reinstatements	
VET003546	Simpson, Beverly Bedford	Veterinarian
VET001615	Grist, Stanford	Veterinarian

Miscellaneous:

- **Presentation by Max Alligood from Bark Busters:** Accompanying Mr. Alligood for the presentation were Barry Sechler, Thomas Zebrowitz and Liam Crowe. **Viewed as informational.** The Board requested that a response be sent thanking Mr. Alligood for the presentation, and that based upon the information presented, the Board finds no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act in Georgia. Please do not construe this statement as an endorsement of your practice by the Georgia Board.
- Dr. Brett attended the House Sub-Committee meeting regarding HB999. Legislation is currently in the Senate.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 10:19 a.m. and the Review Hearing that was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. was **called to order** at 10:19 a.m.

A Review Hearing on Billie Ann Boyd, DVM was held. Dr. Boyd's attorney, Jesse L. Vaughn, Esq., notified the Board attorney and the Board office by fax on February 7, 2006 that Dr. Boyd would not be present for the hearing.

The Review Hearing called the review hearing into **recess** at 10:26 a.m., and the Board entered **Executive Session** at 10:26 a.m. to deliberate on the matters discussed during the Review Hearing.

The Review Hearing was **called back to order** at 10:34 a.m. Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to uphold the Administrative Law Judge's Initial Decision. The Review Hearing was **adjourned** at 10:35 a.m.

The meeting was **called back to order** at 10:35 a.m.

Dr. Brett made a motion, Mr. Lance seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Drs. Hill, Hines, Malphus and Bateman. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

J.A.Y. – Vet applicant requesting approval for licensure: A recommendation was made by Dr. Brett to **deny** licensure.

M.T.F. – License renewal application with c.e. audit: A recommendation was made by Dr. Hill to **table** a decision regarding renewal of this license. The Board requested that the applicant be notified by certified mail that the information received by the Board to satisfy the CE audit was insufficient, and allow five business days to respond after receipt of the certified letter. If information is not received within the time frame allowed, the license will lapse and will require reinstatement.

S.E.A. – Vet applicant with DUI issue: A recommendation was made by Dr. Brett to **approve upon receipt** of satisfactory completion of the application process.

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M.A.B. – Vet applicant: A recommendation was made by Dr. Hill to **approve** for a fourth exam attempt.

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations made regarding applications.

Reports: (some portions of this report were conducted in Executive Session)

Executive Director's Report – Anita O. Martin

- Presented a request from GVMA to have two hours of CE awarded for the Exhibit Hall at the convention. Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **deny** the request.
- Board requested that all licensees who have a lapsed license be notified that they cannot practice in Georgia and must now reinstate their license.
- Shared a letter dated December 31, 2005 from Megan Savory-Davis, DVM with the Board.
- Board requested that a policy as follows be established dealing with applicants who have failed the national licensing exam three times:
 - Must submit a written request to the Board asking for consideration to take the examination again;
 - The written statement should provide the Board with information regarding prep work completed or under consideration that will assist in the applicants success with the examination;
 - Written statement should include any additional information applicable to the situation that the applicant would like the Board to consider; and
 - If applicant chooses to go out-of-state to take the examination, the Board will still review the application once submitted to the Board.

Kathy Harvey, Enforcement Report: A motion was made by Dr. Hill, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to **accept the Cease & Desist Order**. Dr. Brett & Mr. Lance **recused** from vote. Board President, Dr. Bateman, voted to maintain a quorum.

<u>Case</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
VET060046	Issue Cease & Desist

Hugh Hill, Cognizant Report: Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant member.

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
VET060016	Close
VET060018	Close with letter of concern
VET060019	Close against BAB; open against Dr. B.
VET060021	Close with letter of concern
VET060022	Close with letter of concern
VET060023	Close with letter of concern
VET060024	Close with letter of concern
VET060025	Close with letter of concern
VET060026	Close
VET060034	Close

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VET060035	Close
VET060036	Refer to Board Attorney for Consent Order

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2006 at 9:30 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 P.M.

Minutes recorded by: Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by: Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

***These minutes were approved at the April 12, 2006
Board meeting.***